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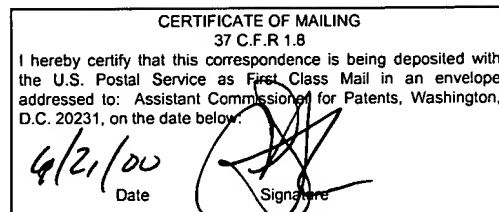
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RE: *USSN 09/129,565 for "INHIBITION OF VIRAL INFECTION AND SPREAD
WITH VIRAL AND RHOA-DERIVED PEPTIDES" by Graham & Pastey (Client
ref.: 9849)*

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- (1) A Response to Restriction Requirement, with an enclosed petition for extension of time;
- (2) A check in the amount of \$55.00 as the fee for the extension of time; and
- (3) A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Barney S. Graham
Manoj Pastey

Serial No.: 09/129,565

Filed: 8/5/98

For: INHIBITION OF VIRAL INFECTION
AND SPREAD WITH VIRAL AND
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED MAY 10, 2000

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 10, 2000, for which the date for response is July 10, 2000, by virtue of the petition for extension of time stated below and payment of requisite fees.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of one month, to and including July 10, 2000, in which to respond to the restriction requirement dated July 10, 2000. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed, which

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In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, a viral RhoA fusion protein having 67-109 RhoA residues.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 418-3184 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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